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Applicant

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BASE MATERIAL FOR

PATTERN-FORMING MATERIAL, POSITIVE RESIST

COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF RESIST

PATTERN FORMATION

Examiner

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2008, please amend the abovereferenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.